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SUBJECT: CODEL SMITH MEETS CHIRAC, FRENCH OFFICIALS,
JANUARY 31, 2005

Classified By: AMBASSADOR HOWARD LEACH, REASONS 1.4 B/D

¶1. (C) Summary: During their January 31st stop in Paris, Senators Smith, Biden, Leahy, Chambliss, Shelby and Hatch discussed the status of the Bilateral Relations

¶2. (C) Welcoming the Senators on January 31, Chirac said that U.S.-French relations were better than they were often portrayed in the press. F

¶3. (C) Responding to Senator Leahy's question on his objectives for his meeting with President Bush, Chirac joked that he might want to persue Iraq

¶4. (C) On Iraq, Chirac said that he was happy with the result of the elections. France, he claimed, was not surprised to see that the electior

¶5. (C) Senator Biden pressed Chirac on French assistance to Iraq, prompting the French President to declare "I have never refused anything exc Middle East

¶6. (C) Senator Hatch suggested to Chirac that there was an impression of a lack of solidarity between the U.S. and France, particularly on Isr NATO/Afghanistan

¶7. (C) Minister Alliot-Marie and the Codel highlighted successful areas of cooperation in the war against terrorism. She noted that terrorism EU Arms Embargo on China

¶8. (C) Chirac told Senator Smith that while France supported the lifting of the EU arms embargo on China, there was no question of France sell Iran and nonproliferation

¶9. (C) Responding to Senators Biden and Chambliss, Chirac said that France had no differences with the U.S. on Iran and was very careful in it Anti-Semitism and France

¶10. (C) CODEL Smith met with representatives of the French Jewish community to discuss the issue of anti-Semitism in France. Minister for Vict Meeting with Nicolas Sarkozy

¶11. (C) Former Interior Minister Finance Minister -- and a leading candidate for the 2007 presidential race -- Nicolas Sarkozy received the Cc

¶12. (U) This cable has been cleared by Codel.

¶13. (U) Kabul and Baghdad minimize considered.

Leach